



## AUCKLAND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE ASSOCIATION Inc

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### Greetings Fellow Justices

As your newly elected President, I wish to thank the outgoing Immediate Past President Selwyn Howarth for his dedication, service and commitment to the Council and Association over many years as well as those who were co-opted to serve in the previous term - Yvonne Hawkins, Sharon Nicholson and Ana Maria de Vos Sanchez.

In my first official capacity, it was a pleasure and an honour on behalf of the Association to welcome eleven new Justices of the Peace who were sworn in on 5 November by Judge Mathers before family and friends.

### AGM / Regional Conference 2018

Our thanks are extended to the Auckland Regional Representative Ric Carlyon, the AJPA Registrar Janet Thompson and the team that organised this event which was well attended by members from far and wide.

The Associate Minister for Justice responsible for Justices of the Peace, Hon Aupito William Sio opened the Regional Conference and mentioned he was reviewing training for all Justices becoming mandatory together with a competency test to ensure the public's right to have access to trained and competent Justices.

We were delighted that the RF President Rachael O'Grady, IPP Denise Hutchins, RF Manager Tony Pugh were able to join us. Rachael informed us of the following:

- The Ministerial Manual update is a work in progress with associations being consulted
- Ten questions annually are revised in the Accreditation test – 40% of all JP's nationwide are now accredited
- There are 450 Service Desks nationwide in 225 locations with Auckland hosting 70 of these. This model is currently under review.
- The importance of using the bank/agency's specific wording when certifying copies of identity documents as these relate to the Anti-Money Laundering Act. If none is given then use the wording on P 30 of the manual (5.5.2)
- Some changes are afoot with regard to Registry weddings in other parts of the country but to date the Waitakere Registry weddings are unaffected
- A RF Welfare Officer will be established to deal with such issues as dementia

Please refer to the October 2018 issue of the Justice Quarterly (JQ) for further Royal Federation information.

## **AJPA Council**

Thank you to those who offered themselves for election to the AJPA Council at the September AGM and congratulations to those that were successful. We are pleased to welcome five new council members this year and as a consequence an Orientation/Induction Session was held for them.

Council continues to meet on the second Wednesday of each month (except in January) and the committees meet on a needs basis in between council meetings. The list of council members and committees are on the AJPA website – “Resources”

## **HUB Education Sessions**

The popular Hub Education Sessions have been planned with dates and venues confirmed for 2019. This was sent to all Support Group Coordinators last month but is attached to this Newsletter for individual members' information. You do not have to attend your local Hub Session if the date is inconvenient for you as the programme is identical at all nine Hubs. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible given this is one of the training programmes that is approved for Accreditation.

The AJPA Trainers are availing themselves to attend local Support Group Meetings in 2019 on a needs/request basis and these will qualify for recognition for Accreditation as well.

## **Accreditation**

Whilst 40% of Justices of the Peace nationwide are accredited, the percentage across Auckland is less than this, around 34%. Your council encourages you all to renew your Accreditation if it has lapsed after the two year period, or to join the programme given this is an easy means of maintaining your knowledge, keeping current and updated.

Accreditation “clinics” will be offered by the trainers again in 2019, where members can attend with their own device (eg laptop, iPad etc) to undertake the Accreditation Test as part of a group. These will be held in a number of central locations with advice of venues and dates to follow.

## **Annual Dinner 2018**

A most enjoyable annual dinner was held in October with the Guest Speaker Kereyn Smith CEO of the New Zealand Olympic Committee entrancing us with her role as she shared many insights. Kereyn was the first woman to be appointed to this role.

## **Support Group Coordinators' Meeting**

Saturday 23 February 2019 is the scheduled date for the annual meeting of all SG Coordinators and Rosterers to meet at the Rose Park Hotel, Gladstone Road, Parnell (opposite the Rose Gardens). Registration is from 9.30am with the meeting to run from 10.00am – 12.00 noon. The Council SG/SD Committee will be in attendance to hear your views and opinions as well as share new information. If you as the Coordinator or Rosterer are unable to attend on this date, please do send a representative as there is much to share. This invitation was sent personally to all SG Coordinators last month.

## **Service Desks**

Thank you to all those members that regularly turn up and work on a Service Desk. Not only are you the key people within our organisation but you are delivering an extremely important service to the public. If you have yet to do this, do contact your Rosterer. Our grateful thanks also to those of you who assist with the mentoring of our newest Justices of the Peace as they complete their mandatory eight hours.

## **Royal Federation Draft Guidelines**

The Council was appreciative of the invitation to comment on the RF Draft Guidelines and a working party was formed to review these which were then sent to the rest of the council before forwarding on the AJPA's response to the RF President

## **Speakers of Other Languages**

If you have a language other than English in which you are fluent, would you please highlight this on your listing on the RF website? The Registrar often gets requests for speakers of other languages who are Justices of the Peace as well.

## **Funding Application**

We applied to and were granted the full amount from the Lotteries' Board in this new round of funding. It was announced at the AGM/Regional Conference. This funding must be used for those items for which we applied and there will be more information to follow at the Support Group Coordinators' Meeting in February.

## **JP Retired**

Changes in technology and the way we process documents for clients means that the Justice of the Peace role is no longer as straight forward as it once was. If you no longer wish to carry out the functions of a Justice of the Peace, our Association wants to recognise your achievements by celebrating your retirement. A pro forma letter is available on the AJPA website under "Resources" or contact the Registrar by phone (09) 916 9276 or email [registrar@jpauckland.govt.nz](mailto:registrar@jpauckland.govt.nz)

## **Office Hours**

The AJPA Office will be closed from 24 December and re-opens on 7 January 2019. If there is an emergency please feel free to contact one of the Council Members.

On behalf of the AJPA Council, our sincere appreciation for all that you have done in serving the community this year.

We extend warmest greetings to you and your family for the upcoming Festive Season.

Kind regards

Sherryl Wilson JP

**PRESIDENT**

December 2018



**AJPA HUB EDUCATION SESSIONS 2019 – in date order**

<b>SOUTH HUB</b>	<b>Saturday 2 March, 4.00 – 6.00pm</b> Friendship House 20 Putney Way MANUKAU
<b>SOUTH EAST HUB</b>	<b>Saturday 9 March, 2.00 – 4.00pm</b> Peace Experiment – Montessori School 18 Pilkington Rd PANMURE
<b>NORTH WEST HUB</b>	<b>Saturday 23 March, 10.00am-12.00pm</b> St John's/Lions Hall 243 Edmonton Rd TE ATATU
<b>WAIHEKE HUB</b>	<b>Sunday 31 March, 10.00am – 12.00pm</b> Block F, Waiheke High School
<b>NORTH EAST HUB</b>	<b>Saturday 6 April, 10.00am-12 noon</b> Faithfull Funeral Services 35 Red Beach Rd RED BEACH
<b>CENTRAL HUB</b>	<b>Saturday 4 May, 1.00 – 3.00pm</b> Ponsonby Primary School 44 Curran St HERNE BAY
<b>LOWER NORTH HUB</b>	<b>Saturday 11 May, 10.00am – 12.00pm</b> Campbells Bay Primary School 77 Aberdeen Road CAMPBELLS BAY
<b>CENTRAL EAST HUB</b>	<b>Saturday 18 May, 9.00 – 11.00am</b> Kohimarama Primary School 112 Kohimarama Rd KOHIMARAMA
<b>CENTRAL WEST HUB</b>	<b>Saturday 25 May 12.00 – 2.00pm</b> Mt Roskill Primary School 37 Frost Rd MT ROSKILL

